CONSTITUTION

AND

BY-LAWS

OF THE

GRAND LODGE OF NORTH CAROLINA,

TOGETHER WITH THE

RESOLUTIONS NOW IN FORCE

AND

RULES

FOR CONDUCTING TRIALS.

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CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE I.

SEC. 1. The Grand Lodge shall consist of a Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, Grand Senior, and Grand Junior Wardens, Grand Treasurer, Grand Secretary, Grand Senior and Grand Junior Deacons, and the Masters and Wardens, for the time being, of the several Lodges within this State, or Representative or Representatives, specially appointed for that purpose, who shall be considered as their proxy, or proxies, and the Past Grand officers of the Grand Lodge—that is to say, Past Grand Masters, Past Grand Senior and Junior Wardens, Grand Treasurers and Grand Secretaries—and the said enumerated officers and persons shall be the only members and voters of the Grand Lodge. The Master and Wardens of every Lodge are the Representatives thereof in the Grand Lodge, or their proxy or proxies, or the Representative or Representatives constituted aforesaid.

SEC. 2. In all cases where special Representatives shall not be appointed by any Subordinate Lodge, and the Master and Wardens of any Lodge cannot, personally, attend the Grand Lodge, they shall have the privilege of constituting a proxy; and such proxy shall be a Master Mason, and a member of some Lodge under this jurisdiction; and he or they shall be entitled to the same number of votes as his or their constituent or constituents.

ARTICLE II.

SEC. 1. A Grand Master shall be annually chosen, to wit—at the Annual Communication; and no person shall fill the office more than three years successively, unless by a unanimous vote.

SEC. 2. In the election of Grand Master, a ballot at large shall be taken, (every voter writing the name of the candidate he thinks best qualified) and the brother who has two-thirds of the votes present, shall be declared Grand Master elect, and installed in due form, according to ancient usage.

SEC. 3. In cases of sickness, or necessary absence, the Grand Master, or any other Grand officer may be installed by proxy; but whoever represents them must have sustained the office to which such absent officer is to be installed, or such office as might have entitled him to fill the chair in the absence of the Grand Master.

SEC. 4. The Grand Master shall appoint and commission his Deputy and the Grand Lecturers, under the seal of the Grand Lodge; and he shall appoint and declare the Grand Chaplains, Grand Deacons, the Grand Steward, the Grand Marshal, the Grand Pursuivant, Grand Tiler, and Grand Sword Bearer: which appointments shall be entered on the Minutes of the Grand Lodge; and, in case any other office shall become vacant by death, resignation, or otherwise, the Grand Master, for the time, shall fill such vacancy by his nomination.

SEC. 5. The Grand Master shall, when present, indispensably fill the chair—in his absence the Deputy Grand Master—in the absence of both the Senior Grand Warden—in the absence of these, the Junior Grand Warden—and in the case of the absence of all these officers, the eldest Grand officer in the Lodge is to fill the chair. And, that the Grand Lodge may always appear in due form, the presiding officer shall wear the Jewel of the Grand Master, and all others the Jewels of the offices they respectively represent.

SEC. 6. No Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, or Grand Warden shall, during his continuance in office, be Master or Warden to, or Representative of, a particular Lodge; and no brother shall be eligible to either of the said offices, who is not a Past Master.

SEC. 7. The Grand Master enjoys all the powers and prerogatives conferred by the ancient Constitutions and usages of the Craft. He has power absolutely to prohibit the introduction of any matter conflicting with the spirit of Masonry, or with Grand Lodge regulations; and his decision on all questions shall be final, unless reversed by a vote of two-thirds of the members present. He may convene any Lodge within his jurisdiction, preside therein (with his officers or otherwise,) inspect their proceedings, and correct all irregularities, or he may appoint a suitable Brother for that purpose. For any dereliction of duty, or other unmasonic conduct, he may suspend a Brother, whatever may be his grade, or arrest the Charter of a Lodge, until the ensuing session of the Grand Lodge, before which he shall present all the circumstances connected with the case. He may, also, grant dispensations on all proper occasions, and do all such other acts and deeds as are warranted or required of him by the regulations and ancient usages of the Fraternity.

SEC. 8. The Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master and Grand Wardens, shall, severally, at the time of their installation, make the following declaration:—"I solemnly promise, upon the honor of a Mason, that

in the office of————————, I will, according to the best of my abilities, strictly comply with the laws and regulations of this Grand Lodge, and other ancient Masonic usages."

ARTICLE III.

SEC. 1. The Grand Wardens shall be chosen annually, by a majority of written votes, and must be Past Masters.

ARTICLE IV.

SEC. 1. The Grand Treasurer shall be chosen annually, by a majority of written votes.

SEC. 2. He must be a brother of good worldly substance, and to him shall be committed the monies belonging to the Grand Lodge. He shall always keep a fair record of his accounts and transactions, and the uses to which the monies are appropriated; and shall lay the same, when required, before the Grand Lodge, and account for the monies, as may be directed.

ARTICLE V.

SEC. 1. The Grand Secretary shall be chosen annually, by a majority of written votes.

SEC. 2. He must be a brother who can write a fair and legible hand, and shall keep accurate records of all the transactions of the Grand Lodge. He shall present all the votes and orders of the Grand Lodge after they are entered, to the Grand Master for his approbation and signature. He shall issue summonses, as the Grand Master may direct; and shall give a seasonable notice in at least one public newspaper of every stated meeting of the Grand Lodge; and he shall be rewarded for his services in such manner as the Grand Lodge may direct.

ARTICLE VI.

SEC. 1. None but Master Masons, members of regular Lodges, shall be members of the Grand Lodge, or be eligible to any office or appointment therein.

SEC. 2. The Grand Lecturers shall qualify themselves for their duties, and attend the meetings of the Grand Lodge, and exemplify the work and lectures of the several degrees, when required. They shall visit the several Lodges when required—lecture and instruct them in work, and see that they are properly regulated and conducted. For their services they shall be suitably compensated, in such manner as the Grand Lodge may provide.

SEC 3. The Grand Marshal shall attend to the organization of the Grand Lodge, collect petitions and communications, introduce visitors, direct the formation of processions, and execute commands of the Grand Master.

SEC. 4. The Grand Sword-bearer and Pursuivant shall act as assistants to the Grand Marshal.

SEC 5. The Grand Deacons shall occupy their proper stations, and each attend to his particular duty.

SEC. 6. The Grand Chaplains, when called upon, are to perform all suitable clerical duties.

SEC. 7. The Grand Steward and Tiler shall attend every call of the Grand Master, and be present at every Grand Communication; for which services a suitable compensation shall be made. He shall attend yearly, in season, to having the Grand Lodge room properly prepared for the reception of the Grand Lodge.

ARTICLE VII.

SEC. 1. A Grand Lodge shall be held at least once in every year, and the Grand Master may call special meetings, whenever he shall deem it advisable.

SEC. 2. In the adoption of this Constitution, and all amendments hereafter made, and in the election of officers, and all other matters in the Grand Lodge. (when demanded,) the votes shall be taken according to the rights of the several Lodges, and the members of the Grand Lodge, that is to say, every Lodge present by its representation, shall be entitled to three votes, whether represented by one or more brethren; and every member of the Grand Lodge otherwise entitled than by being a representative of a particular Lodge, shall have one vote; provided that this shall in no wise affect any rights of the Past Grand Officers. In cases of a tie, the brother in the chair shall have the casting vote.

SEC. 3. The Grand Lodge shall have power by charter, under their seal, to constitute new Lodges, to establish an uniform mode of working in all the Lodges in this State, and superintend and regulate the general police of Masonry, according to the ancient usages and customs of Masons,—carefully regarding the old land-marks, which are, on no account, to be removed or defaced.

SEC. 4. The Grand Lodge shall be the supreme Masonic authority within the State of North Carolina, and shall claim and exercise all the original essential powers, privileges, rights and authority appertaining to the ancient craft; and shall, moreover, rank on an equality with all other regularly constituted Grand Lodges; and be empowered to legislate upon all matters of Masonic government; and make all necessary regulations for its own government and that of its subordinates.

ARTICLE VIII.

SEC. 1. No new charter shall be granted, but upon the petition of at least seven known and approved Master Masons; nor shall a new war-

rant issue to any number of Masons, residing within less than ten miles of the usual place of meeting of any regularly established Lodge, unless important benefits are to be derived therefrom; and the petition shall contain the causes which render it expedient that such a charter should be granted, with the nomination of the Master and Wardens; and the petition shall be approved by some regular constituted Lodge in the vicinity of the petitioners.

ARTICLE IX.

SEC. 1. No amendment to this Constitution shall be adopted by the Grand Lodge, until the same, after being proposed in writing to the Grand Lodge, and thereby concurred with, shall be submitted to the consideration of all the individual Lodges, and adopted by at least two-thirds of all the said Lodges.

BY-LAWS

SEC. 1. The Annual Meetings of the Grand Lodge shall be held in the city of Raleigh on the first Monday of December in each and every year.

SEC. 2. The Representatives of three Subordinate Lodges, with such Grand Officers and members as may be in attendance, shall be necessary to constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

SEC. 3 The Grand Lodge shall continue in session until all legitimate business coming before it, shall have been disposed of, or until closed by the Grand Master, whose necessary expenses incurred in discharging the duties of his office shall be paid by the Grand Lodge.

SEC. 4. Immediately on the organization of the Grand Lodge, the presiding Officer shall appoint a Committee of three, to whom shall be referred the credentials of all claiming a seat; and upon a satisfactory Report, and as soon as he may deem it advisable, the Grand Master shall proceed to the appointment of the following standing Committees, each to consist of a discretionary number of members, to-wit:

1st. *A Committee on Charters and Dispensations;* to whom shall be referred all matters appertaining to the constituting or Chartering of Lodges.

2nd. *A Committee on Foreign Correspondence and Miscellaneous subjects;* to whom shall be referred immediately after their receipt by the Grand Secretary, all foreign communications, and such miscellaneous matters, as may not otherwise be specially disposed of, and who shall be required to submit their report at the next succeeding Grand Annual Communication; and the expenses of the chairman in attending the Grand Lodge to submit the report, shall be paid by the Grand Lodge.

3rd. *A Committee on Work, Proceedings and Returns of Subordinate Lodges,* to whom shall be referred the By-Laws, Returns and Proceedings of the several Lodges, together with every other matter relating in any way to said Lodges, and which may not meet with any other disposition.

4th. *A Committee on Accounts and Claims;* whose duty it shall be to

examine the Grand Treasurer's accounts, and also all other accounts and claims in which the Grand Lodge may be interested, and report the existing condition of the Grand Treasury.

5th. *A Committee on Jurisprudence;* to serve until the succeeding Grand Annual Communication, to whom shall be submitted all questions of Masonic Law, not requiring the decisions of the Grand Master. All By-Laws, original or amended, and all questions of Law and Usage recommended by the Committee on Foreign Correspondence for the concurrence of the Grand Lodge, and which, if recommended by said committee, and concurred in by the Grand Lodge, shall be recognized as the law in this jurisdiction. And said committee shall report to the Grand Lodge at the Annual Communication next succeeding their appointment, all decisions made by them during the year, and all necessary expenses incurred in the discharge of these duties shall be paid by the Grand Lodge.

6th. *A Committee on Schools under the management of Subordinate Lodges.*

7th. *A Committee on unfinished business of previous communications,* whose duty it shall be to examine the records of the Grand Lodge, and see that its proceedings have been faithfully recorded.

SEC. 8. After the Grand Master shall have presented his annual Message, he shall appoint a special committee of reference, who shall take the same in charge, and make a report, specifying the appropriate committees to whom the several subjects therein noticed shall be referred.

ARTICLE II.

SEC. 1. All Communications and Documents must first be submitted to the inspection of the Grand Master, before they can properly come before the Grand Lodge.

SEC, 2. Every Resolotion or Motion submitted to the Grand Lodge, shall, it required, be reduced to writing and referred to appropriate committees.

SEC. 3. Every Member wishing to address the Grand Lodge shall rise and respectfully address himself to the *Most Worshipful Grand Master*, confining his remarks to the subject under consideration, and avoiding personality and all gross expressions.

SEC. 4. No Member shall speak more than twice on the same subject without permission, nor shall he interrupt another when decorously addressing the Grand Lodge. All calls to order shall be addressed to the chair.

SEC. 5. No motion shall be debatable until seconded and stated from the chair, when it shall be considered in possession of the Grand Lodge and cannot be withdrawn, except by the mover, previous to decision or amendment. A question, when put by the Grand Master, cannot after be debated.

SEC. 6. No motion to close or call off is admissible, that responsibility resting alone with the Grand Master who is obligated to allow the occurrence of nothing tending to interrupt or defeat the regular course of any business legitimately coming before the Grand Lodge.

SEC 7. On all other matters, the Rules which generally govern deliberative assemblies, shall be observed.

SEC 8. No member, during the session of the Grand Lodge shall leave the Hall, or absent himself from the City, without permission of the Grand Master.

SEC. 9. No vote of the Grand Lodge shall be reconsidered by a less number of members than were present at the passing of the same.

SEC. 10. No brother shall be admitted into the Grand Lodge but such as are members, excepting petitioners and witnesses: Provided, that the brethren properly entitled by their grade in Masonry, may, by permission from the chair, be admitted as visitors; in neither of which cases shall they be admitted to vote.

SEC. 11. The first business in course, shall be the reading of the proceedings of the previous session, or the consideration and disposal of all unfinished business appearing therein.

SEC. 12. All Committees chosen or appointed, shall report their proceedings in writing—the first named brother on each to be Chairman; unless he waive his right to another.

ARTICLE III.

SEC. 1. Dispensations for New Lodges may be granted upon petition to the Grand Master, or the Dep. Grand Master, of not less than seven Worthy Master Masons, said petitioners to be known and recommended by a Lodge nearest their residence, accompanied by a fee of ten dollars ($10), one dollar of which the Grand Secretary shall retain for his services.

SEC. 2. The Grand Secretary shall always keep on hand a sufficient number of Diplomas with Grand Lodge certificates attached for the use of the Subordinate Lodges, for which they shall pay, in addition to the cost of the blank Diploma; fifty cents each copy, one half whereof shall go into the Grand Treasury, the other to the Grand Secretary for affixing seal, &c.

SEC. 3. No monies shall be paid out of the Grand Treasury, unless authorized by the Grand Lodge and approved by the Grand Master.

SEC. 4. The Grand Secretary, in addition to his other duties, shall receive and receipt for all monies due the Grand Lodge, handing the amount over each day to the Grand Treasurer, taking his receipt therefor and as compensation for his services he shall receive a salary of two hundred and fifty dollars; in addition to which, he shall be entitled to one dollar for engrossing a Dispensation or Charter and affixing seal, and one

dollar for every certificate or document requiring a seal. Diplomas and papers required by the Grand Master are excepted The Grand Secretary shall employ an assistant during the session of the Grand Lodge and pay him out of his aforesaid salary.

SEC. 5. Appeals brought up to the Grand Lodge will not be considered, unless the same be in writing, accompanied with all necessary papers proceedings and proofs, when consistent, to enable the formation of a correct decision. When the matter is thus properly presented, it shall be referred to a special committee. All grievances shall be disposed of in the same manner. In any extreme case, however, it will be competent for the Grand Lodge to deviate from the above rule.

SEC. 6. Whenever any property, funds, furniture, &c, shall become forfeited to the Grand Lodge, the Grand Master shall have power, at his discretion, to sell, lease or rent the same, or to loan to a Lodge any part thereof until the ensuing session of the Grand Lodge; or he may restore such property on the revival of a lodge.

SEC. 7, Representatives to the Grand Lodge must bear with them certificates of appointment, under the seal of the Lodge they represent, attested by the Secretary; and all credentials must be handed to the Grand Secretary, together with all fees or dues.

SEC. 8. Every Lodge working under a Dispensation, shall return the same to the Grand Lodge, at the first Annual Communication after the expiration of six months, from the date of such dispensation, together with a copy of the By-Laws, which they may propose to adopt, a transcript of their proceedings, a list of officers, and a fee of twenty dollars, and in addition thereto, a sufficient sum to pay for a suitable seal, for which a charter and seal shall be issued, if so ordered by the Gtand Lodge. And the Secretary of every chartered Lodge shall attach the seal thereof to all communications issued by order of the Lodge.

ARTICLE IV.

SEC. 1. The price, chargeable by Subordinate Lodges for the three Degrees of Masonry, shall not be less than twenty dollars, and in no case shall the fees be remitted.

SEC. 2. Any Mason so reckless of his duty as to lend his influence, or give a certificate or recommendation to enable an individual, in defiance of expressed disapprobation or known regulation of a Lodge, to thrust himself into their society, may be suspended or expelled by the injured Lodge or other competent tribunal, the proper usages in such cases to be observed.

SEC. 3. No chartered Lodge can proceed to work, until the same shall have been constituted and the Master regularly installed, either by the Grand Master in person, or by some Past Master duly authorized.

SEC. 4. All constituted Lodges under this jurisdiction, with not less than seven members, have the right to convene as free and accepted Masons, receive petitions, confer the degrees of Entered Apprentice, Fellow Craft and Master Mason, admit members and assess fees therefor; to choose officers annually, exact quarterage establish a charity fund, frame and adopt By-Laws, and act upon all other matters of Masonic concernment not inconsistent with their charters, the laws of the Grand Lodge, or the ancient usages of the craft.

SEC. 5. Every Lodge shall hold at least one regular monthly meeting, which can only be suspended, and then temporarily, on great emergency.

SEC. 6. Every Lodge which shall cease to meet for twelve months, or neglect to make returns and forward dues to the Grand Lodge for two successive terms, shall forfeit its charter; and no such charter shall be restored except on application by the Master, Wardens or seven members, accompanied by satisfactory explanations, to be approved by the Grand Lodge, or by the Grand Master during recess.

SEC. 7. No Lodge can suspend its By-Laws, or allow a petition to be withdrawn, after the day of its presentation, without first obtaining a dispensation from the Grand Master.

SEC. 8. No business can be transacted at an extra meeting other than that for which it was called, nor can such meeting receive petitions, or ballot except upon the *advancement* of candidates or engage in any other business affecting the general interests of the craft. The presence of Grand officers warrant exceptions.

SEC. 9. The Master, only, has power to convene his Lodge; or, in his absence, the Wardens by seniority. All meetings, as a Lodge, otherwise convened, together with the proceedings therein, unless sustained by dispensation, shall be considered clandestine, and subject all so improperly concerned to the severest penalties.

SEC. 10. Every petition for iniation or membership shall be submitted at a regular meeting and referred to a committee of inquiry and lie over at least one month, unless in cases of pressing emergency, which shall not be considered to exist unless the candidate is about to journey abroad; neither shall more than one degree be conferred on the same day, except as above provided, unless due proficiency be attained in each advancing step, to be manifested in open Lodge. An excess of five candidates shall not be received on the same day.

SEC. 11. On ballotting for a candidate, or for membership one black ball shall reject withot a questien—except that a second ballot may be demanded to be satisfied of no mistake.

SEC. 12. No Lodge shall entertian the petition, for degrees of a stranger, sojourner or person having no fixed or permanent place of abode or

residence, nor of one whose residence is nearer to some other Lodge, unless by written sanction of such Lodge, or of the Grand Lodge of the State from which he hails. Nor shall any Lodge entertain such petition from an applicant who has not resided within its jurisdiction for twelve months immediately preceding the date of his petition.

SEC. 13. A petition, once rejected, shall not again be acted upon within the space of one year.

SEC. 14. No business shall be transacted in any other than a Master's Lodge excepting only such as pertains especially to the work and lectures of the E. A. or F. C. degrees, or the investigation of charges against an E. A. or F. C.

SEC. 15 Every Lodge has the power to arraign its members, or any non affiiliated Mason within its jurisdiction, on a charge of immoral or un-Masonic conduct; and after due investigation, may proceed to pass such lawful sentence as the aggravation of the case shall warrant—provided that, in case of suspension or expulsion, a transcript of the whole proceedings be laid before the the ensuing Grand Lodge, to be confirmed or reversed.

SEC. 16. Whenever charges are preferred against a brother, he shall be notified or cited through the Post Office or otherwise, at least ten days before the day of trial, and be furnished with a copy, under the Secretary's hand, of the charges and specifications. Should he fail to attend, the trial may proceed ex-parte. Any evidence, allowable in a court, may be taken on honor; and every facility shall be allowed the accused for his defence. When the case is closed, the sense of the Lodge shall be taken through the ballot box. If guilty, the penalty shall be determined in like manner, requiring a vote of two-thirds present to suspend or expel—from which an appeal may be taken to the Grand Lodge. Notice of the intention to appeal must be given to the Lodge within one month after the trial.

SEC 17. Every constituted Lodge under this jurisdiction shall make regular annual returns to the Grand Lodge. containing a list of the officers and members; a list of those initiated, passed, raised and admitted; of deaths, withdrawals, suspensions and expulsions; and of all resident Masons not members, to be certified by the Secretary, under the seal of the Lodge. Each Lodge shall likewise transmit with its returns, such annual dues or fees, as the Grand Lodge may at any time assess.

SEC. 18. In conferring the degrees, the lectures in form of questions and answers appertaining thereto shall indispensably be delivered; and it shall be considered irregular, in the opening or closing of a Lodge, to waive any portion of the ceremonies.

SEC. 19. In case of the suspension or demise of any Lodge, the charter, furniture, jewels funds and property shall be delivered to such

person as may be authorized by the Grand Master to receive the same —the withholding or other disposal of such effects will subject the parties concerned to the severest penalties.

SEC 20 None but Master Masons of good standing, against whom no other Lodge has claims, can be admitted to membership in any Lodge.

SEC. 21. In order to insure a uniformity of work and lectures in all the Lodges, they shall suffer no other system to be introduced, but such as may be taught or authorized by the Grand Lodge. And they shall pay to the Grand Lecturer, for his services, such sum as may be agreed upon between themselves.

SEC. 22. The regalia worn in the Lodge shall be such only as may be recognized therein—that worn on public occasions, white aprons with suitable devices trimmed with blue, and blue collars for the officers, trimmed with white, having appended thereto the appropriate jewels—in funeral processions, the clothing shall be white aprons and gloves, the officers wearing, in addition their jewels.

SEC. 23. It is the duty of the Master of every Lodge, on the decease of a member, or sojourning brother, to ascertain if Masonic honors would be agreeable, and take measures accordingly.

SEC. 24, No Mason can be a member of more than one Lodge at one and the same time.

SEC. 25. Every Lodge shall appoint a committee of reference, to consist of at least three judicious persons, who shall patiently and impartially consider and pass upon all such matters of controversy or dispute, unfortunately arising at any time among the brothers, as may be submitted for their decision. Should either party be dissatified with the judgment, an appeal may be made to the Lodge.

SEC. 26. A Lodge cannot be opened unless the dispensation or charter be present—which are considered to be under the special charge of the Master.

SEC. 27. The decision of the Master of a Lodge cannot be reversed by his Lodge; neither can a Lodge try its Master—but any three members, after giving due notice, may, in case of a wilful neglect of duty on his part, or for gross un-masonic conduct, prefer charges against him before the Grand Lodge, whose action shall be final; or, the Grand Master, during recess. who has the power to suspend.

SEC. 28. A brother, whose expulsion may have been confirmed by the Grand Lodge, can only be restored by that body, or by the unanimous vote of the Lodge by which he was suspended. Restoration by the Grand Lodge does not extend to membership.

SEC. 29. The introduction or use of intoxicating drink is prohibited to every Lodge, regardless of the occasion.

SEC. 30. Every Lodge shall hold sacred all initiation fees for charible or educational purposes, unless the necessity should present, requiring their use in providing suitable accommodations, or for providing essential fixtures.

SEC. 31. Every applicant for initiation must be free-born ; and no individual, physically so deformed, as to disable him from honestly acquiring the means of subsistence, or who may be incapacitated to become a useful member, shall be initiated in any Lodge.

SEC. 32. The ceremonies may be arrested at any time previous to the conferring of either degree, should a member so insist, and show satisfactory cause therefor.

SEC. 33. None of the provisions in any of the above sections can be deviated from, except by dispensation from the Grand Master.

SEC. 34. Whenever a Lodge shall suspend or expel a brother, notice of the same shall after the expiration of one month, be transmitted to the other Lodges in the State, and to the Grand Secretary, unless the party so suspended or expelled shall, within that time, have appealed to the Grand Lodge, in which case the notice shall be withheld until the action of the Lodge shall have been confirmed. And when the Grand Lodge shall refuse to confirm such proceedings by reason of any technical informality or irregularity therein (without reference to the merits of the case) the same shall be certified to the Lodge, and a new trial shall be had. When notice of the suspension or expulsion has been issued, and the brother so suspended or expelled shall be subsequently reinstated, notice of the same shall be given to all the subordinate Lodges. The charges and proceedings in the case shall, indispensably, be sent up to the ensuing Grand Lodge for final action.

SEC. 35. No Lodge can, rightfully, suspend or expel a Mason for a disregard of any special regulations conditioned upon membership—such as non-payment of arrears, non-attendance, or transgressions of minor consideration, the severest penalty for which shall be dismembership. Disclosures to others than Masons, of transactions within a Lodge, of serious importance, will of course be considered as exceptions, and may be dealt with in severity commensurate with the magnitude of the offence.

SEC. 36. A becoming solemnity shall be observed during the introduction or advancement of a candidate. and no unsanctioned ceremony shall under any consideration, be permitted.

SEC. 37. The utmost decorum should be observed in every Lodge ; and no infringement of the established usages regarding respect and behaviour should, under any pretence, be countenanced or allowed.

SEC. 38. The By-Laws of all Lodges working under Dispensation, shall be forwarded to the chairman of the committee on Jurisprudence at least two months preceding the application of such Lodge for a char-

ter, for his examination, and such alterations as he may direct, must be made, and the By-Laws approved by said committee before they can be submitted to the Grand Lodge through the committee on Charters and Dispensations.

SEC. 39. No Lodge shall proceed to act under any By-Law, until it shall have been approved by the chairman of the committee on Jurisprudence, whose duty it shall be to submit all By-Laws approved by him, to the next succeeding Grand Communication, and if not confirmed, they shall be rescinded by the Lodge at the next succeeding regular meeting after receiving notice thereof.

SEC. 40. No Lodge shall be removed, without the Master's knowledge. No motion shall be made for removal, in the Master's absence; and, if the motion be seconded, the Master shall order summonses to every individual member, specifying the business, and appoint a day for hearing and determining the affair, at *least ten days before it is to take place;* and the determination shall be made by the majority, provided the Master be one of that majority. But if he be of the minority against removing, the Lodge shall not be removed, unless the majority consist of full two-thirds of the members present. But, if the Master refuse to direct such summonses, either of the Wardens may do it; and if the Master neglect to attend on the day fixed, the Wardens may preside, in determining the affair, in the manner prescribed; but they shall not enter upon any other cause than what is particularly mentioned in the summons. If the Lodge be thus regularly ordered to be removed, the Master or Warden shall send notice thereof to the Secretary of the Grand Lodge, for publishing the same at the next Communication. No Lodge shall be deemed regularly removed, until the removal thereof be approved by the Grand Master, or his Deputy for the time being. No Lodge shall be regularly removed, unless the laws relating to removals be strictly complied with; and, that the same may be duly ascertained, it is necessary that the books of every Lodge, intended to be removed, be particularly inspected by the Grand Secretary, before any removal takes place.

SEC. 41. No alteration or amendment of these By-Laws shall be made unless by a vote of two-thirds of all the members present at any Grand Communication, when the same shall be proposed.

RULES

FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF

SUBORDINATE LODGES IN MASONIC TRIALS.

1. The accusation must be made in writing over the signature of a Master Mason, and handed to the Secretary to be read in open Lodge, and spread upon the minutes, after which the accused shall be served with an attested copy of the charges and specifications, together with a notice through the Post Office or otherwise, at least ten days before the trial, to appear and answer, and should his place of residence be at a distance, or he require more time to prepare for defence, a reasonable time must be allowed. If the residence of the accused be unknown, or he fail to appear, or to show satisfactory cause for delay of proceedings, then, and in that case, the Lodge may proceed to examine the charges ex-parte.

2. The Lodge for investigating charges, must be especially notified and convened for that purpose, at which no visitors shall be admitted except as counsel or witnesses, and it any of these be not Master Masons, the Lodge must be called off during their presence. After the usual preliminary preparation for conducting the examination, if the accused be not a Master Mason, the Master's Lodge must be dispensed with, and a Lodge opened on the highest degree to which he has attained.

3. The accused may select his own counsel, and the witnesses shall testify on their honor. Hearsay evidence must be excluded. If testitimony be taken out of the Lodge, the accused, if he answer or appear, shall be duly notified of the time and place where such evidence will be taken, that he may have an opportunity of being present.

4. No irrelevant questions or testimony shall be allowed in the examination of witnesses. The Master may conduct the examination on behalf of the Lodge, or it may appoint a committee for that purpose, and the questions to, as well as the answers by the witnesses, must be carefully noted down, read, and if necessary, amended in their presence, and then spread upon the minutes.

5. When the examination is closed, the accused shall then be heard in defence, either in person or through his counsel, after which all who are not members of the Lodge shall retire, and if during the examination it shall have been called off, or dispensed with, the Lodge must then be called on.

6. The question, guilty or not guilty, shall be put to the Lodge, upon each separate specification, which a majority of the members present shall determine by ballot, and if the accused be found guilty of any one or more of the charges or specifications, then the penalty shall be determined in like manner, taking the question upon the highest penalty, (expulsion) first, a vote of two-thirds of the members present being necessary to expel or suspend. The particular charges or specifications upon which the accused shall be found guilty, together with the sentence determined upon, must be spread upon the minutes.

7. A brother feeling himself aggrieved by the decision of a Subordinate Lodge, shall have the right of an appeal to the Grand Lodge, he having given notice within one month after the trial, to the Subordinate Lodge of his intention so to appeal from its decision, and upon stating in writing the grounds of appeal, the Secretary of said Lodge, if required, shall furnish him with a copy of all the proceedings touching his case.

When a Subordinate Lodge shall expel or suspend a brother, all the proceedings, embracing the charges, specifications, evidence on both sides, verdict upon each charge or specification, and the sentence, shall be sent up, under the seal of the Lodge, and attested by the Secretary, at the ensuing meeting of the Grand Lodge, for examination, and the representative having such proceedings in charge, shall place them immediately in the hands of the appropriate committee.

STANDING RESOLUTIONS, EDICTS, &C.

The following comprise the standing resolutions, edicts, &c., of the Grand Lodge now in force and not incorporated in the By-Laws, which are classified and numbered as required by the Grand Lodge, (pages 16 and 48, proceedings of 1867.)

In the compilation of 1866 the Grand Secretary commenced from the year 1859 inclusive, and added to the list previously published, all standing resolutions to the year 1865 inclusive, presuming that the committees of 1855 and 1859, to whom was assigned the duty of preparing for publication a "digest of the resolutions and regulations" still in force, had omitted none of importance.

The following Code embodies all edicts, &c., which have heretofore been omitted.

DECLARATION OF PRINCIPLES.

1. *Resolved*, That the Grand Lodge feel it a duty, which they owe to themselves, as well as the whole Masonic Fraternity, to declare, that while its individual members are left to the free unmolested enjoyment of their sentiments, upon the various subjects connected with religion and politics, and the right to judge of men and their actions; they hereby, most solemnly declare, that Masonic Bodies have not the right to connect the Institution with the *sectarian* or *party* views of either; that any attempt thereat, is a gross innovation upon those principles, which among good and correct Masons, are universally acknowledged, and should be practiced. [1835]

2. *Resolved*, That the Grand Lodge, do at this time, as they have hitherto done, declare to the world, that the object of their association and motives for continuing therein are founded upon the principles of Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth. [1835.]

[The last clause of the 2d resolution is published as No. ~~59~~ 60 under head of "Expulsions, &c."]

3. *Resolved*, That a belief in the authenticity of the Holy Scriptures is essential to the faithful fulfillment of the duties required by the Order of Masonry in all Christian countries, and that a denial of the same is in conflict with the principles of our Institution, calling for reprobation. [1846.]

4. *Resolved*, That we believe it to be inconsistent with the principles of Ancient Free Masonry, for a Lodge to hold its regular, or any other meeting on the Holy Sabbath, for the purpose of initiating, passing or raising a candidate, or any other business, except on funeral occasions or cases of charity. [1852.]

GRAND MASTER.

5. *Resolved*, That a certificate of the appointment of the M. W. Grand Master be made out on parchment and signed by the officers of the Grand Lodge. [1789.]

6. *Resolved*, That the M. W. Grand Master be requested to deliver his annual address on Monday evening of every Annual Communication. [1850.]

GRAND MASTER MAKING MASONS AT SIGHT.

7. It is clear, both from reason and precedent, that the Grand Master has the right of making Masons anywhere at sight. We do not believe, however, that it would be advisable or proper for the Grand Master to exercise this power except in very extraordinary cases of emergency. [1851.]

8. WHEREAS doubts have arisen as to the right of the Grand Master to make Masons at sight.

Be it therefore Resolved That the decision of this Grand Lodge, at its communication of 1851, is hereby affirmed. [1865.]

DUTIES OF GRAND TREASURER.

9. *Resolved*, That it shall, from this time forth, be the duty of the Grand Treasurer, at each Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge, to file with the Grand Secretary a statement of the amount of moneys and other funds of the Grand Lodge in his hands, which statement the Grand Secretary shall file among his papers, and preserve for the use of the Grand Lodge. [1840.]

10 *Resolved*, That the Grand Treasurer be directed to have the value of $1,200 immediately insured on this building and never suffer the policy to expire while this resolntion continues in force. [1843]

11. He shall give a bond in the penal sum of one thousand dollars faithfully to discharge his duties and account for all monies and effects that may come into his hands belonging to the Grand Lodge. [1844.]

12. *Resolved*, That the Grand Treasurer shall not be authorized to pay over to the Grand Secretary any appropriation which the Grand Lodge may have made, as compensation to him for discharging the duties of his office, until he shall have produced the certificate of [the] committee [on his books] that said duties were duly and truly performed.—[1844.]

13. To report at each Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge, a full statement of his "proceedings." [1849.]

14. *Resolved*, That the Grand Treasurer be required to tender to the Grand Officers, of every Grand Communication, all of their expenses incurred in attending said Communications. [1854.]

DUTIES OF GRAND SECRETARY.

15. *Resolved*, That it shall be the duty of the Grand Secretary, under the direction of the M. W. Grand Master, after the choice of officers each year, to transmit a list of the new officers chosen, or re-elected, as also an attested copy of all new general regulations adopted, to the Grand Lodge of every State in the Union. [1796]

16. *Resolved*, That the Grand Secretary, shall continue to make his usual communications as heretofore, and that all postage arising therefrom shall be paid by the Grand Treasurer, and allowed to him in the settlement of his accounts. [1805.]

17. *Resolved*, That the Grand Secretary when communicating to the several respective Grand Lodges with whom a correspondence is preserved, the result of any election of officers of this Grand Lodge whenever a change may have been made, shall accompany the same with the signatures of the Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, and Grand Wardens,

written with their own proper hands and duly authenticated under his hand and seal of the Grand Lodge [1822.]

18. *Resolved*, That the Grand Secretary have Dispensations, Charters and Diplomas printed from time to time, as they may be needed, and that the cost of the same be paid out of the funds of the Grand Lodge. [1837.]

19 *Resolved*, That the Grand Secretary be directed to get together copies of the proceedings of the Grand Lodge for as many years as he can collect, and that he have them stitched together, in three volumes, with a copy of the constitution in each volume, and that hereafter a copy of the proceedings of the Grand Lodge shall be annually added to each volume, and that the same shall be preserved by the Grand Secretary for the use of the Grand Lodge. [1840.]

20 *Ordered*, That in future the Grand Secretary give a bond in the penal sum of five hundred dollars for the faithful discharge of his duties and to account for all monies and effects that may come into his hands belonging to the Grand Lodge. [1844.]

21. *Resolved*, That the Grand Secretary hereafter, at each Annual Communication, report to the Grand Lodge, a full statement of [his] proceedings. [1849.]

22. *Resolved*, That the Grand Secretary be directed to have printed blank forms of returns of the Subordinate Lodges, before each annual meeting of the Grand Lodge, and distribute the same amongst the Subordinate Lodges. [1852.]

23. *Resolved*, That a suitable form for the returns of Subordinate Lodges, together with a form for the representation of Delegates, be prepared by the Grand Secretary [1854.]

24. *Resolved*, That the Grand Secretary be required to have the proceedings of the Grand Lodge published and transmitted to the several Subordinate Lodges within two months from the closing of the Grand Lodge, and sum up at the end of the proceedings, in a summary form the number of affiliating and non-affiliating Masons and the number of workngLodges in the State. [1858.]

25. HEREAS, many returns from Subordinate Lodges are deficient for want of the Secretaries' certificates and seals; therefore be it

Resolved, That in the future it shall be the duty of the Grand Secretary to have the following certificate printed on the blank returns for Subordinate Lodges, to wit:

I————————Secretary of————————Lodge, No.——, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true return of the officers and members of————————Lodge, No.——

Given under my hand and seal of the Lodge the————————day of ————————, A. L., 58——, A. D., 18——

[1859.] ————————Secretary.

26. *Resolved*, That the Grand Secretary be required in the future to have printed the following heads on the returns of Subordinate Lodges, to-wit: 1. The officers. 2. Members. 3. Entered Apprentices and Fellow Crafts. 4. Resident Masons not Members. Resident Masons excluded for non-payment of dues. [1859.]

27. *Resolved*, That it shall be the duty of the Grand Secretary, before the regular annual communication of this Grand body, to make application to the Presidents of the different Railroad Companies in this State to allow the representatives to pass to and from this Gand Lodge for one fare. [1860]

28. To provide blank diplomas on parchment &c., for use of members of Subordinate Lodges. [1865.]

See Nos 93 and 94 under "Grand Lodge certificate and diplomas."

29. *Resolved*, That the Grand Secretary be requested to transmit to the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, immediately upon their reception all papers and documents for said committee.

That the Committee on Foreign Correspondence be requested to classify and arrange all such correspondence to be bound, and return them to the Grand Secretary for that purpose.

That the Grand Secretary be instructed to have bound, in good library binding, such documents as may be handed to him by said committee, for that purpose, to form a library for the Grand Lodge. [1866.]

30. *Resolved*, That the Grand Secretary be authorized to amend the blank returns so that Subordinate Lodges may report the names of their members who have died during the year. [1866.]

GRAND TILER.

31. *Resolved*, That the salary of the Grand Tiler be five dollars per day and night inclusive. [1865.]

ELECTION OF GRAND OFFICERS.

32. *Resolved*, That hereafter the election of Grand Officers shall take place on the second day of the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge. [1855]

GRAND LECTURERS.

33. *Resolved*, That the Grand Lecturers be required to examine the records and proceedings of the Lodges they may visit, and report in what manner these are kept and conducted, as well as whether due obedience is paid to the constitution, laws and teachings of Masonry. [1866.]

See resolutions 1867, pages 33 and 34 concerning ' *work* "

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS.

34. *Resolved*, That the resolution empowering the Grand Master to appoint District Deputy Grand Masters, be and the same is hereby repealed [1861.]

OF SUBORDINATE LODGES.

ESTABLISHMENT OF LODGES.

35. *Resolved*, That it shall be an invariable principle that no charter of erection or dispensation, shall be granted to any number of masons residing out of the State wherein the Grand Lodge, adopting this principle is held, except when the Grand Lodge of the State in which the petitioners reside shall acquiesce therein in writing. [1796.]

36. *Resolved*, That all Lodges hereafter chartered shall be numbered according to the dates of their charters, and that in future,numbers rendered blank by the death of Lodges shall not be filled. [1854.]

37. *Resolved*, That henceforth all Subordinate Lodges, recommending petitions for dispensations for opening and holding new Lodges, shall, in addition to the recommendation now required by law, plainly and explicitly certify that they have carefully examined the Master and Wardens, or at least the Master, of the proposed Lodge, and that they find them to be well skilled in the ritual and laws of Masonry.

That no Subordinate Lodge shall be allowed to recommend any petition for a new Lodge, unless the Lodge recommending can unqualifiedly recommend the skill and legal knowledge as above required. [1865.]

LOCATION.

38. A. Lodge should be stationary at some named place. [1844]

CLOSING A LODGE.

39. A Lodge should never *adjourn*, for adjourning is something unknown in Masonry. A Lodge should call *from labor to refreshment* or *close*. [1851.]

CONFERRING DEGREES—FEES.

40. *Rsolved*, That from and after the first day of March next. the fees for the Entered Apprentice Degree shall be six dollars; for the Fellow-Craft's, four dollars; and for the Master's Degree, ten dollars; which shall be the fees to be paid to the Subordinate Lodges under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, exclusive of the Tiler's fees. [1838] (See resolution following.)

41. *Resolved*, That from and after the adjournment of this Grand Lodge, it shall be discretionary with the several Subordinate Lodges in this State, to establish any ratio of fees they may think proper for conferring the several degrees of Entered Apprentice, Fellow-Craft, and Master Mason; provided the same shall not be less than the rate fixed by the Grand Lodge at its last Annual Communication. [1839.]

42. *Resolved*, That all the Subordinate Lodges under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge be, and they are hereby expressly and positively required to receive all fees for conferring degrees in their respective

Lodges invariably in advance, and in no case to confer a degree unless the regular fee be so paid. [1843.]

43. An individual can be kept back from the degrees of Masonry, after having taken one degree, upon evidence of improper conduct prior to initiation and has no right to demand an investigation "but by committee out of Lodge." [1850.]

44 *Resolved*, That it be enjoined upon the Masters and Wardens of the Subordinate Lodges to require a more strict and faithful observance of the Constitution and By-Laws of this Grand Lodge and to see to it that Sec. 10, Art. iv. of the By-Laws be strictly enforced, especially that part which declares that more than one degree shall not be conferred in the same day, unless due proficiency be manifested *in open Lodge.* [1866.]

45. The Grand Secretary was instructed to issue a special circular to the Masters, Wardens and Brethren of the Subordinate Lodges, calling special attention to the frequent violation of section 10, article iv. of By-Laws of Grand Lodge, which requires due proficiency, in each preceding degree, to be manifested in open Lodge, before the advancement of candidates, and requiring by the authority of this Grand Lodge, a strict and faithful obsevance of this article. [1867.]

PAST MASTER'S DEGREE.

46. *Resolved*, That this Grand Lodge deem it inexpedient and improper, if not illegal to authorize the conferring of the Past Master's Degree by the Subordinate Lodges [1844.]

47 The Past Master's Degree is not deemed as an essential to the Master in presiding over a Lodge. [1860.]

BALLOTING.

48. *Resolved*, That upon balloting upon a petition the applicant is balloted for to be a Master Mason. It is however, proper, if a brother shall desire it, to demand a second ballot upon his applicatiun for passing and raising. [1850.] [Re-adopted, 1852.]

LODGES U. D.

49. WHEREAS, It is the opinion of the Grand Lodge that Lodges working under Dispensation have no right to affiliate members, therefore,

Resolved, That all Lodges which have been working under Dispensation be requested to re-ballot on the petition of all members they have received by demit during the period of such dispensation. [1865.]

[See number 37 under "Establishment of Lodges."]

ADMISSION TO MEMBERSHIP

50. *Resolved*, That this Grand Lodge hereby instructs all Subordinate Lodges working under its jurisdiction, to receive no "Ancient Mason" as a member who does not produce a certificate of withdrawal from the Lodge to which he last belonged. [1849.]

51. *Resolved*, That any Mason of good standing as a citizen, whose Lodge has become dormant, upon satisfying any Lodge in his immediate neighborhood, may be entitled to become a member of such Lodge, by and with their consent, upon such terms as other Masons are admitted. [1851.]

RESTORATION TO MEMBERSHIP.

52. It is the opinion of this Grand Lodge that a Subordinate Lodge has full power to restore a suspended or expelled member, on such evidence of penitence and reformation as to them may appear satisfac ory. [1827.]

53. A brother who has been suspended for a definite period is, after the expiration of the time for which he was suspended, entitled to all the rights and privileges that he enjoyed before his suspension, and if he was a member of the Lodge by which he was suspended a ballot is not necessary to restore him. [1853.]

ANNUAL RETURNS AND DUES.

54. *Resolved*, That from and after this Grand Communication, the Subordinate Lodges shall pay into the Grand Treasury, as an annual stipend, the sum of fifteen dollats: *Provided* no Lodge be required to pay more than one dollar for each of its members. [1846.]

55 *Resolved*, That the Masters of the Subordinate Lodges cause to be sent with their Annual returns, the dates of their Charters; and that they observe the form of returns adopted by the Grand Lodge, reporting in tabular form, the number of initiations, passings and raisings, deaths, withdrawals, suspensions and expulsions, together with the names of resident masons not members, residing within the jurisdiction of each Subordinate Lodge, and in figures, the entire number of each. [1851.]

56. *Resolved* That the delegates to the Grand Lodge be requested to state on their returns, the location, county and town or place, and also the time of holding their regular meetings; and that the Subordinate Lodges be required to do the same in all future returns. [1852.]

57 *Resolved*, That the Charters of those Lodges in the invaded counties of the State, and within the lines of the enemy and also those Lodges elsewhere so reduced as not to have sufficient number of members for regular meetings, be not forfeited for failure and non-payment of their annual dues. [1862.]

58. *Resolved*, That those Lodges represented at this Communication, which may have failed, on account of the presence of the Federal army, to make their regular returns shall have their dues remitted. [1865.]

See Nos. 22, 23, 25, 26, and 30 under "Duties of Grand Secretary."

CONCERNING EXPULSIONS, SUSPENSIONS AND OTHER PUNISHMENTS:

59. *Resolved*, That the Subordinate Lodges under this jurisdiction be instructed to abstain from publishing any Masonic censures in the future in the newspapers, or in any other manner than is usual in communications to this Grand Lodge and other Lodges [1818.]

60. "They" (the Grand Lodge) "disclaim the right of Masons to inflict corporal punishments, and ackn wledge no other ri ht to enforce obedience from its members than reprimand, suspension and expulsion. [Latter clause of resolution number 2 of 1835.]

61 Whereas, It is believed, that the by-laws of some of the Subordinate Lodges under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge require expulsion from all the rights and privileges of Masonry, for a neglect to attend the meetings of said Lodges, or for omission or refusal to pay the dues that may be required, and whereas in the opinion of this Grand Lodge, such punishment is wholly disproportionate to the offence, be it therefore

Resolved, That all Subordinate Lodges under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, which may have any such provision incorporated in their by-laws, be requested to alter or abolish it. [1842.]

62. *Resolved*, That in the opinion of this Grand Lodge no expulsion from the rights and privileges of Masonry ought to take place, but for gross misdemeanor as a Mason, or for some heinous and disgraceful crime. [1843.]

63. *Resolved*, That in all cases of expulsion of any Members or Masons hereafter from the rights and privileges of Masonry, the cause of expulsion shall be stated in the communications made to the Subordinate Lodges and in the returns to this Grand Lodge. [1842.]

64. "It is unmasonic in the extreme to impose a *fine* upon a Mason for non attendance at Lod e meetings." [1851.]

65. *Resolved*, That an expulsion from an Encampment does not affect the standing of the individual in any Blue Lodg to which he may belong. [1852.]

INNER GUARD.

66. *Resolved*, That this Grand Lodge appoint, and all the subordinate Lodges likewise be required to appoint an Inner Guard to be stationed at the door within the Lodge to prevent entrance or departure of any one without the consent or permission of the Master thereof. [1843.]

PROPER DRESS AT FUNERALS.

67. *Resolved*, That all Masons under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge shall henceforth at funeral solemnities, appear as uniformly dressed as possible, in white aprons with the usual mourning badges and that

on all other public occasions they appear dressed in full regalia peculiar to their Masonic rank. [1843.]

JURISPRUDENCE.

68. *Resolved*, That the Grand Secretary be instructed to purchase for the use of this Grand Lodge three copies of Past Grand Master Mitchell's History of Masonry and Code of Jurisprudence," now in course of publication. And as the work of publication is designed to be a standard work of reference, containing the "Old Charges and Ancient Regulations," together with a "Code of Masonic Jurisprudence," and "Dictionary of Masonic Terms," comprising a valuable masonic library; the Subordinate Lodges are earnestly requested to provide themselves as early as practicable with this means of solving legal questions, and assisting Masters of Lodges to govern the same in accordance with Masonic law and usage. [1856.]

69. All correspondence between the Grand Master and members of Subordinate Lodges concerning Jurisprudence, shall come through the Secretary, with seal of the Lodge. [1865]

WIDOWS AND ORPHANS.

70. *Resolved*, That upon the death of any Master Mason, in good standing, and who is a member of any Lodge under this judisdiction, it shall be the duty of such Subordinate Lodge to furnish the widow or orphans of such deceased member, a certificate, under the seal of the Lodge, of his membership, standing and death, without any application or charge therefor. [1851]

NON-AFFILIATED MASONS.

71. *Resolved*, That the Grand Lodge recommend to the Subordinate Lodges to protect themselves from the intrusion of non-affiliated Masons, by imposing some amount for them to pay—which amount shall be discretionary with each Lodge; *Provided* no Lodge impose a sum greater than the annual fee. [1855.]

72. *Resolved*, That every Mason ought to belong to some particular Lodge, and comply with its By-Laws and the general regulations in relation to the payment of dues and contributions to the charity funds.—And any Mason who does not contribute to the funds, or belong to some Lodge, is not entitled to visit a Lodge while he remains non-affiliated, or to join in processions, or to relief, or Masonic assitance or burial.

Resolved, That nothing in the foregoing resolution shall be so construed as to prohibit any Subordinate Lodge from permitting a non affiliated Mason to visit the Lodge once. [1862.]

REPRESENTATION IN GRAND LODGE—VOTING &c.

73. It is recommended and enjoined opon the several Lodges under

the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge that they hereafter certify on the face of every certificate of delegates from their respective bodies to the Grand Lodge that such delegates are Master Masons. [1799.]

74. WHEREAS, Great irregularity and culpable negligence are manifested by many of the Subordinate Lodges in omitting to make their annual returns and to pay their contributions to the funds of the Grand Lodge, be it therefore.

Resolved, That hereafter no Lodge shall be entitled to representation in this Grand Lodge unless by special permission, until the returns are made and filed with the Grand Secretary and all arrearages of dues are fully paid. [1842.]

75. *Resolved*, That hereafter no individual shall represent more than three Lodges at the same time in this Grand Lodge. [1848.]

76 *Resolved*, That from and after this Grand Communication no person shall represent any Subordinate Lodge, other than the legally authorized officers by the constitution, either as a delegate or proxy, unless he produces written authority therefor from the Lodge. [1848.]

77 *Resolved*, That hereafter no proxy shall make another proxy unless the power to do so shall be expressly given by his Principal. [1854.]

78 *Resolved*, That each Lodge represented in the Grand Lodge, whether by officers, proxies or special representatives, shall be entitled to three votes; and if two only represent a Lodge, and they shall differ, then each shall cast one and a half vote [1861.]

REPRESENTATION IN FOREIGN GRAND BODIES.

79. It is recommended that the proposition of the Grand Lodge of New York "that each Grand Lodge shall appoint some Mason who is a Past Master to represent it in each of the Grand Lodges of the United States with which it has communication, such representative to reside in the same State wher the Lodge is located, that he is to attend and have privilege of speaking upon all questions in which the Lodge he may represent is concerned, but not to vote:" and the Grand Master of this Grand Lodge shall have power to name the representative to represent this Grand Lodge in each of the Grand Lodges which adopts this proposition, [1839.]

80. *Resolved*, That in the opinion of this Grand Lodge the precedent recently adopted by some of our sister Grand Lodges, appointing a representative to attend the Annual Communications of other Grand bodies meets our decided commendation; that such an interchange of fraternal courtesies is eminently calculated to maintain and promote reciprocal regard, and harmonious feeling, prominent characteristics which should ever exist between sister Grand Bodies.

Resolved, That the Grand Master be authorized to appoint a represen-

tative of this Grand Lodge, near the Grand Lodge of any other jurisdiction of this Union, who may indicate a willingness to reciprecate the courtesy. [1859.]

JURISDICTION—GRAND AND SUBORDINATE LODGES.

81. (Series) *Resolved*. That the Grand Lodge of North Carolina will recognize but one Grand Lodge as having jurisdiction over the same territory in the Uhited States

That we recognize the Grand Lodge over which Most Worshipful John D. Willard was elected Grand Master, and of which Most Worshipful Oscar Coles is at present Grand Master, as the only legal Grand Lodge in the State of New York.

That we regard the Grand Lodge over which Isaac Phillips was elected Grand Master in June 1849, as illegal and clandestine and that we hereby prohibit all Masonic intercourse between the Masons of North Carolina and those who adhere to the Phillips Grand Lodge of New York.

That all Subordinate Lodges in this State be prohibited from receiving as visitors any Masons from New York, until satisfactory evidence is given by them that they are adherents of the Grand Lodge of which M. W., Oscar Coles is Grand Master. [1851.]

82. A Grand Lodge has sole and exclusive jurisdiction over the State, Territory or District in which it is located, and no two Lodges can have concurrent jurisdiction in the same teritory, excepting only where there is no Grand Lodge, and there all Grand Lodges have a concurrent jurisdiction. A Subordinate Lodge has exclusive jurisdiction over all persons or candidates residing nearer its place of meeting than any other; and should any Lodge receive a candidate, residing nearer some other Lodge, and confer the degrees upon him, the fees therefor are forfeited to the Lodge nearest to which the candidate resides. [1851.]

83. (Series) *Resolved*, That this Grand Lodge recognizes the authority of the different Grand Lodges in the United States, over jurisdictions claimed by them, and do not recognize the authority of any other body whatever claiming jurisdiction which interferes or conflicts with theirs.

That this Grand Lodge does not consider that "the Supreme Council of Sovereign Grand Inspectors General of the 33rd degree of the Scottish rite," can lawfully constitute Lodges of Symbolic Masonry in the State of Louisiana, within the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Louisiana.

That the fact that they are constituted as Lodges of the Scottish Rite wil make no difference.

That the Lodges so constituted are not entitled to be recognized as legally constituted, and the members of such Lodges and those initiated therein, are not lawful brothers, nor entitled to visit and communicate with the Grand Lodge and its constituent Lodges. [1852.

RIGHT OF SUBORDINATE LODGE TO TRY ITS MASTER.

84. *Resolved*, That it be the sense of this Grand Lodge that no Subordinate Lodge of this State can try its Master on any charge brought against him during his continuance in office, he being amenable only to the Grand Lodge of the State. [1827.]

85. *Resolved*, That it having been determined by the National Masonic Convention, that a Lodge has not the power to try its Master, which opinion has been concurred in by this Grand Lodge, and also by previous decisions made by this Grand Lodge, that it is proper that some provision should be made for such cases which in future may unhappily occur.

Resolved, That in case of gross un-masonic conduct in any Master of a Lodge, under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, that the M. W. Grand Master, for the time being, on the facts being represented to him by a majority of the acting members of the Lodge, shall have power to suspend the said Master, if necessary until the next Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge, when and where the case can be examined and tried. [1843.]

86. No Lodge has the right to try its Master, for he being amenable only to the Grand Lodge, the Lodge of which he is a member and over which he presides, has no jurisdiction over his actions, more than it would have over the actions of a member of another Lodge. [1851.]

APPEALING FROM THE MASTER'S DECISION.

87. This is un-masonic. When an appeal is taken, the Master should never permit it to be put to the Lodge. The only appeal that can be taken is directly to the Grand Lodge, as the Master is amenable to it, not to his Lodge, for his official acts. [1851.]

REFRESHMENTS.

88. *Resolved*, That after this Grand Communication, no refreshments shall be furnished this Grand Lodge, except by the direction of the Most Worshipful Grand Master. [1835.]

89 This Grand Lodge will discontinue the use of refreshments and advise the Subordinate Lodges under its jurisdiction are to do the same. [1842.]

PUBLISHING NAMES OF REJECTED APPLICANTS FORBIDDEN.

90. *Resolved*, That the names of candidates for initiation or admission into the Lodges under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge who may have been rejected therein, shall not be published in the proceedings of the Grand Lodge. [1824.]

91. *Resolved*, That the practice of publishing the names of rejected applicants for Masonic honors, be discontinued by this Grand Lodge.—[1852.]

GRAND LODGE CERTIFICATES AND DIPLOMAS.

92. *Resolved*, That the price of a Diploma granted by this Grand Lodge, or by the officers thereof. shall be five dollars; and that the same shall accrue to, and be a part of the perquisites of the Grand Secretary. [1837.]

93. *Resolved*, That the Grand Secretary, under the direction of the Most Worshipful Grand Master, have printed a suitable number of Grand Lodge certificates in proper form, to be furnished to the Subordinate Lodges in such quantities as may be required, at fifty cents each, one-half of which amount shall be as a fee for the Grand Secretary, and the other half as funds of the Grand Lodge. [1845.]

94. *Resolved*, That the Grand Secretary be instructed to carry out section 2d, article 3d ot the By-Laws, by procuring a suitable number of diplomas, printed on parchment and bound in pocket form, and that this Grand Lodge request every other Grand Lodge of the United States to pass resolutions that every member be provided with a diploma, and hereby earnestly request every Mason in good standing in North Carolina to procure one showing membership; and may charge cost for the same with fees directed in said section. [1865.]

WORK.

95. *Resolved*, That the work of Bro. L. L. Stevenson be received as the work of the Craft in this State, and that the Subordinate Lodges conform thereto. [1849.]

96. *Resolved*, That the M. W. Grand Master be requested to set apart one day at each Grand Communication to lecture and exemplify the work; and that he call to his aid such brethren as he may think proper. [1851.]

97. *Resolved.* That the Grand Lecturer be required to exemplify the work once, or as often as required by the Grand Master, at any meeting of the Grand Lodge. [1865.]

[See resolutions of 1867, pages 33 and 34 concerning "*Work.*"]

NEGRO LODGES.

98. *Resolved*, That the Most Worshipful Grand Master be requested to correspond with the Most Worshipful Grand Master of New York in regard to the reported organization of negro lodges in North Carolina, and earnestly to remonstrate against the same. That this Grand Lodge will, and the fraternity in North Carolina are instructed to regard all such lodges as clandestine, and the members thereof as spurious. [1865.]

DIGEST OF MASONIC LAW,

99. *Resolved*, That the Grand Master appoint two brethren who, with himself, shall constitute a committee to prepare a digest of Masonic law

in the forms of questions and answers, which they shall have published for the use of Subordinate Lodges, especially for trials, said digest to be condensed from the works of Bros. Mackey, Mitchell, and other Masonic writers. And that said Committee revise the By-Laws of this Grand Lodge and recommend to the next communication such amendments as tney may deem proper. [1865.]

MISCELLANEOUS.

100. *Resolved*, That the proceedings of this Grand Lodge be read in open Lodge of each of the Subordinate Lodges under its jurisdiction, that due notice thereof may be had of the same by all the brethren and also that the Lodges preserve the same and if possible have them bound. [1843.]

101. *Resolved*, That the Worshipful Master of each Subordinate Lodge be required to read, or cause to be read, before his Lodge, the annual proceedings of this Grand Lodge. [1853.]

102. *Resolved*, That the M. W. Grand Master be authorized to furnish such stationery as he may deem necessary for himself, or Grand Secretary, in their official correspondence; and also, that he be authorized to procure a seal for official correspondence, and that they be required to attach this seal to said correspondence. [1860.]

103. *Resolved*, That this Grand Lodge does most respectfully recommend each Subordinate Lodge within its jurisdiction, to keep a faithful record of its members who have or shall be engaged in the military service of the country; and also to keep a separate record of those who may fall in defence of their contry. [1862.]

104. *Resolved*, That any Subordinate Lodge that shall voluntarily pay into the Treasury of this Grand Lodge an amount of funds in addition to their annual stipend, shall be entitled to receive from the Grand Secretary, one copy of the proceedings for every fifty cents so contributed, for the benefit of the members of the Lodge making such contribution. [1863.]

105 WHEREAS, In consequence of the invasion of the State by the Federal army, a number of Lodges have lost their charters:

Therefore Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be instructed to issue new Charters to such Lodges without any charge [1865.]

106. *Resolved*, That the Grand Secretary and the Grand Treasurer be appointed a standing committee to procure portraits of the Grand Masters of this State beginning, with the year 1866. and all living Past Grand Masters whose portraits can be obtained, and the same when procured be suitably framed and hung up in the Grand Lodge Hall.

Resolved, That such sums of money be appropriated as may be necessary to carry into effect the foregoing resolution. [1866.]

"CHARTER OF GRAND LODGE OF NORTH CAROLINA ISSUED 1771."

Beaufort, G. M.

SEAL

TO ALL AND EVERY our Right Worshipful and Loving Brethren. WE, Henry Somerset, Duke of Beaufort Marquis and Earl of Worcester, Earl of Glamorgan, Viscount Grosmont, Baron Herbert, Lord of Ragland, Chepston and Gower, Baron Beaufort of Caldeeol Castle, Grand Master of the Most Ancient and Honorable Society of Free and Accepted Masons, Greeting :

KNOW YE THAT WE, of the great Trust and Confidence reposed in our Right Worshipful and well beloved Brother Joseph Montfort, Esquire, of Halifax, in the Province of North Carolina, in AMERICA, do hereby constitute and appoint him the said JOSEPH MONTFORT, Provincial Grand Master of and for AMERICA with full power and Authority in due form to make Masons and Constitute and Regulate Lodges as Occasion may Require. And also to do and execute all and every such other acts and things appertaining to the said Office as usually have been and ought to be done and executed by other Provincial Grand Masters, he the said JOSEPH MONTFORT taking special care that all and every, the Members of every Lodge he shall constitute, have been regularly made Masons and that they do observe, perform and keep all and every the Rules, Orders and Regulations contained in the Book of Constitutions (except such as have been or may be repealed at any Quarterly Communication or other general meeting together) also with all such other Rules, Orders, Regulations and Instructions as shall from time to time be transmitted by, us or by the Honorable CHARLES DILLON our Deputy or by any of our Successors, Grand Masters or their Deputies for the time being. And we hereby will and require you our said Provincial Grand Master to cause four quarterly communications to be held yearly, one whereof to be upon or as near the feast day of Saint John the Baptist as conveniently may be, and that you promote on those and all other occasions whatever may be for the honour and Advantage of Masonry and the Benefit of the Grand Charity and that you yearly send to us or our succesor Grand Master an Account in Writing of the proceedings therein and also of what Lodges you constitute and when and where held with a list of the

members thereof and copies of all such Rules, Orders, Regulations as shall be made for the good Government of the same with whatever else you shall do by virtue of these presents. And that you at the same time remit to the Treasurer of the Society for the time being at London three pounds, three shillings sterling for every Lodge you shall constitute, for the use of the Grand Charity and other necessary purposes.

Given at London under our hand and seal of Masonry this 14th day of January A. L. 5771, A. D. 1771.

WITNESS:

JAS. HESELTINE, G. S.

BY THE GRAND MASTER'S COMMAND

CHAS. DILLON, D. G. M.

AN ACT TO INCORPORATE THE GRAND LODGE OF NORTH CAROLINA:

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of North Carolina and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same, That the Most Worshipful Grand Master, the Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master, Wardens and Members who are at present, or in future may be of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina, be and they are hereby constituted and declared to be a body corporate under the name and title of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina, and by such name they shall have perpetual succession and a common seal and may sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded, acquire and transfer property, and pass all such By-Laws and regulations as shall not be inconsistent with the constitution or laws of this State or of the United States, any thing to the contrary notwithstanding.

Read three times and ratified in General Assembly the 20th day of December, *Anno Domini*, 1797.

BENJAMIN SMITH,
Speaker of the Senate.
M. MATTHEWS,
Speaker of the House of Commons.

A true copy,

J. GLASGOW,
SECRETARY OF STATE.

GRAND SECRETARIES AND THEIR ADDRESSES.

GRAND LODGE.	NAME.	RESIDENCE.
Alabama,	Daniel Sayre,	Montgomery.
Arkansas,	Wm D Blocher.	Little Rock.
California,	Alex. G. Abell,	San Franciso.
Canada,	Thos. B. Harris,	Hamilton C. W.
Colorado,	Ed. C. Parmelee,	Central City.
Connecticut,	Jos. K. Wheeler,	Hartford.
Delaware,	Jno. P. Allmond,	Wilmington
Dis. of Columbia,	Noble D. Larner,	Washington.
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Illinois,	Harman G. Reynolds,	Springfield.
Indiana,	Wm. Hacker,	Indianapolis.
Iowa,	Theo S. Parvin,	Iowa City.
Ireland,	Jno Hynderman,	Dublin.
Kansas,	E. T. Carr,	Leavenworth.
Kentucky,	J M. S. McCorkle,	Louisville.
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Maine,	Ira Berry,	Portland.
Maryland,	Jacob H. Medairy,	Baltimore.
Massachusetts,	Solon Thornton,	Boston
Michigan,	James Fenton,	Detroit
Minnesota,	Wm S Combs,	St. Paul.
Mississippi,	D. P. Porter,	Jackson.
Missouri,	Geo. Frank Gouley,	St. Louis.
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Nevada	W. A M. Van Bokkelen,	Virginia.
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New Hampshire,	Horace Chase,	Hopkinton.
New Jersey,	Joseph H. Hough,	Trenton.
New York,	James M. Austin, M. D.,	New York City.
Nova Scotia,	Chas. J. Macdonald,	Halifax.
Ohio,	Jno. D. Caldwell,	Cincinnati.
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Rhode Island,	Chas. D. Greene,	Providence.
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Tennessee,	Charles A. Fuller,	Nashville.
Texas,	Geo H. Bringhurst,	Houston.
Vermont,	Henry Clark,	Poultney.
Virginia,	John Dove, M. D.,	Richmond.
Wash'ton Territory,	~~Elwood Evans,~~	Olympia.
West Virginia,	Thos. H. Logan,	Wheeling.
Wisconsin,	Wm. T. Palmer,	Milwaukie.